

Proposed Changes to 704 KAR 3:340, The Commonwealth Diploma

Appendix A

Current	Proposed, Beginning with the graduating class of 2010	
Commonwealth Diploma (All criterion must be met)	Academic Focus (All criterion must be met)	Career and Technical Focus (All criterion must be met)
<p>Criterion One - Credits: (1) A. Successful completion of at least twenty-two (22) approved units of credit, including all the minimum unit requirements for high school graduation set forth in 704 KAR 3:305 and any additional units specified by the applicable local board of education.</p> <p>Precollege Curriculum: (1) B. Successful completion of all minimum requirements of the Precollege Curriculum established by the Council on Higher Education.</p>	<p>Criterion One - Credits: (1) Successful completion of at least twenty-two (22) approved units of credit, including all the minimum unit requirements for high school graduation set forth in 704 KAR 3:305 and any additional units specified by the applicable local board of education.</p>	<p>Criterion One - Credits: (1) Successful completion of at least twenty-two (22) approved units of credit, including all the minimum unit requirements for high school graduation set forth in 704 KAR 3:305 and any additional units specified by the applicable local board of education.</p>
	<p>Criterion Two – AP or IB Courses: (2) Successful completion (i.e., receiving a grade or the equivalent of "B" or better) of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. At least four (4) courses in at least two (2) content areas that contain essential content as described in the Advanced Placement (AP) Program Course Description booklets of the College Entrance Examination Board; or, b. At least four (4) courses that contain essential content as described in the International Baccalaureate (IB) program course description booklets, which may be obtained from the International Baccalaureate North America, Inc. 	<p>Criterion Two – AP or IB Courses: (2) Successful completion (i.e., receiving a grade or the equivalent of “B” or better) in at least two (2) AP or IB courses.</p>

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<p>Criterion Three – AP or IB Courses: (3) Successful completion of at least four (4) courses, as listed below, which contain essential content as described in the Advanced Placement program course description booklets of the College Entrance Examination Board or as described in the International Baccalaureate program course description booklets:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. English; b. Science or mathematics; c. Foreign language; and d. One (1) additional AP course. 	<p>Criterion Three – AP or IB Exams: (3) Completion of three (3) AP Examinations from at least two (2) of the AP or IB areas, with one passing score consisting of a three (3) or higher on the AP Examination or a score of four (4) or higher on the IB Examination.</p>	<p>Criterion Three – AP or IB Exams: (3) Completion of one (1) AP Examination in at least two (2) of the AP or IB areas as described in the Advanced Placement (AP) Program Course Descriptions published by the College Entrance Examination Board or as described in the International Baccalaureate (IB) program course descriptions published by the International Baccalaureate North America, Inc., with one passing score consisting of a three (3) or higher on the AP Examination or a score of four (4) or higher on the IB Examination.</p>
<p>Criterion Four – AP or IB Exams: (4) Completion of examinations in at least three (3) of the Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate subject areas specified above, without regard to score.</p>	<p>Criterion Four – Additional Performance Criteria: (4) At least one of the performance criteria must be met:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. A composite score of 1200 or higher on the verbal and mathematics sections of the SAT; or, b. A composite score of 26 on the ACT; or, c. Minimum scores of proficiency in three of four areas of the KCCT (Reading assessed at the 10th grade and Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies at the 11th grade). 	<p>Criterion Four – Additional Performance Criteria: (4) At least one of the performance criteria must be met:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. A composite score of 1200 or higher on the verbal and mathematics sections of the SAT; or, b. A composite score of 26 on the ACT; or, c. Minimum scores of proficiency in three of four areas of the KCCT (Reading assessed at the 10th grade and Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies at the 11th grade).
		<p>Criterion Five – Dual Credit: (5) Successful completion (i.e., receiving a grade or the equivalent of “B” or</p>

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		better) in at least one (1) dual credit technical course.
		Criterion Six - Certificate: (6) Receive a Skill Standards Certificate.